



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending April 22, 2006, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.2% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 2.2% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 3.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.1 million for the week ending April 15, 2006 compared to 10.9 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
ENDING	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR	PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/25/2006	14,085	14,046	11,482	11,398	11,482	11,398
03/04/2006	14,136	14,104	11,573	11,244	11,576	11,244
03/11/2006	14,124	13,992	11,598	11,649	11,599	11,649
03/18/2006	14,322	14,015	11,654	11,502	11,657	11,502
03/25/2006	13,927	13,520	11,725	11,521	11,726	11,521
04/01/2006	13,746	13,659	11,688	11,452	11,690	11,452
04/08/2006	14,281	13,777	11,857	11,449	11,858	11,449
04/15/2006	14,143	13,578	11,488	10,987	11,610	11,031
04/22/2006	14,290	13,820	11,430	11,180	11,432	11,180

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 04/29/2006	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	49.96	49.61	69.60	71.52
12-City Composite 2/	58.77	58.64	60.89	72.77

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.